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25th Anniversary LatinoFest **in Baltimore, Maryland's PATTERSON PARK**

Salsa, merengue, reggaeton, bachata, mariachi and más make for a lively weekend of Hispanic arts and culture at **LatinoFest 05**, taking place **Saturday, June 18** and **Sunday, June 19** in **Patterson Park** at **Eastern and South Linwood avenues**. The festival is open **Saturday** from **noon to 10 p.m.** and **Sunday** from **noon to 9 p.m.**, and **admission is \$4 for adults and free for children under 12**. Part of the **2005 Showcase of Nations Ethnic Festivals** presented by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts.

LatinoFest05 is sponsored by **Education Based Latino Outreach (eblo.org)**, a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Maryland's Hispanic youth and families through educational and cultural programs and projects. All proceeds support the ongoing educational, art and cultural programs offered free to children, youth and families.

iHOLA Baltimore! the first bilingual guidebook to Baltimore's Hispanic Community will also be launched at this most well attended event of the year.

Direct from New York City, **Willie Villegas y Entre Amigos with The Fania All-Stars** legendary **Yomo Toro (yomotoro.net)** master of the cuatro (Puerto Rico's 10 stringed, guitar-like instrument) is this year's headline entertainment on **Sunday**.

LatinoFest celebrates Hispanic culture with live Latin music, dancing, ethnic cuisine, and more. This year's entertainment includes performances by **Pablo Perez and Orquesta Yanes, Mariachi Azteca, JCY Band, La Firma, Arte Flamenco dance troupe, Patrick Alban y Noche Latina** and many more throughout this exciting event.

"This year's LatinoFest will be the best ever. EBLO is celebrating our 25th year and we want everyone to come and enjoy themselves" says **Jose Ruiz, EBLO Founder and Festival Coordinator**.

Enjoy two days of live entertainment with a visit from **Baltimore Orioles Latino Ball Players** and the **Oriole Bird**, a dance contest, dancers in colorful costumes from their native lands, and Salsa demonstration and lessons by **DanceInTime.com**. Visitors to the festival will experience the real flavor of Latin culture throughout the day and into the evening with delicious Hispanic cuisine from the Americas and the Caribbean. Arts and crafts displays and other family fun activities such as a domino game area, clowns and face-painting complete this weekend of exhilarating activity.

For more information on LatinoFest 05, call 410-783-5404 or visit www.latinofest.org.